

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

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TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1619, 1950 Census.

Registered Voters in 1951, 949.

Annual Election: First Monday in March.

Annual Meeting:

First Friday Evening after the first Monday in March.

County Commissioners:

Francis E. Cassidy, Chairman	Webster
P. Eugene Casey	Milford

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr.	
	North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District:

Senator, Joseph E. Gibney	Webster
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Ninth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

Peter F. Fitzgerald	Blackstone
Charles Mullaly, Jr.	Millville

Sheriff for Worcester County:

William A. Bennett	Worcester
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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare,
Board of Health and Fence Viewers)

John L. Lundvall Harold Metcalf Ernest P. Wood

TOWN CLERK

Albert S. Coleman

TOWN TREASURER

Silas H. Dudley

TAX COLLECTOR

Arthur P. Dalton

ASSESSORS

Donald B. Lowell D. Kinsley Barnes
Charles F. Leonard, Clerk

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herbert Bowen Gordon R. Good Richard F. Harding

TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Harold Metcalf Percy Rowe Nina M. Burr
Richard Harding Henry P. Clough, Secretary

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Asa Vear	Joseph W. McEwen
Fred L. Kempton	Albert S. Coleman, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Franklin E. Goodnow	Roy A. Barrows	Lee P. McFarland
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PARK COMMISSIONERS

Norry J. Daige	George A. Johnson	Fred Phipps
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Chief of Police	Harold C. Barrows
Constable	Harold C. Barrows
Tree Warden	William E. Nuttall
Town Solicitor	Shelley D. Vincent
Dog Officer	Raymond A. Miller
Wiring Inspector	Walter J. Channing
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Raymond A. Miller
Superintendent of Schools	Percy Rowe
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	Harold F. Lowell
Superintendent of Streets	William R. Bowen
Burial Agent	Norry J. Daige

Inspector of Slaughtering	Willard Seibert
Inspector of Animals	Roy Barrows
Town Accountant	Helen F. Irons

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Franklin Goodnow	Everett Watson	Donato Leone
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SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND BARK

Arthur V. Pond	Carl Wagner
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FIELD DRIVERS

Alex Woleck	Edward Goss	W. Arthur Robinson
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FINANCIAL REPORTS

MODERATOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$25 00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows	\$25 00

SELECTMEN—SALARIES

Appropriation	\$550 00
Expended:	
Harold J. Fairbanks	\$ 41 67
Harold Metcalf	233 33
John L. Lundvall	150 00
Ernest P. Wood	125 00
Total expended	\$550 00

SELECTMEN—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$150 00
Expended:	
Postage	\$18 84
Lock Box	2 25
Stationery and Supplies ..	2 95
Advertising licenses	21 50
Delivering Town Reports	20 00
Dues to State and	
County Associations	21 00
Expenses to State	
and County Meetings	25 75
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.,	
forms	8 21

Photos of Town Bounds	15 00	
Total expended	—————	\$135 50
Unexpended		14 50
	—————	\$150 00

TREASURER—SALARY

Appropriation		\$550 00
Expended:		
Silas H. Dudley		\$550 00

TREASURER—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$170 00
Expended:		
Postage	\$35 00	
Forms and Stationery	23 91	
Dues to State Asso.	2 00	
Check books	19 36	
Certification of Notes.....	8 00	
File	41 87	
Preparing Schedule A	15 00	
Miscellaneous supplies	8 81	
Use of car	5 00	
Total expended	—————	\$158 95
Unexpended		11 05
	—————	\$170 00

TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

Appropriation	\$50 00
Unexpended	\$50 00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—SALARY

Appropriation	\$400 00
Expended:	
Helen F. Irons	\$400 00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$ 50 00
Expended:		
Comm. of Mass., forms	\$30 94	
Unexpended	19 06	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

TOWN CLERK—SALARY

Appropriation	\$200 00
Expended:	
Albert S. Coleman	\$200 00

TOWN CLERK—EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended:	
Mass. Laws	\$ 2 00
Binding Records	18 00
Printing and postage	38 95
Recording Fees	80 00
Advertising	7 20
Cahill's News Agcy., supplies	6 70
Palley Office Supply	21 44
Dues and expenses to	
Town Clerks' Meetings	55 30
Swearing to Town Papers	4 25
Miscellaneous supplies	18 06
Total expended	<hr/> \$251 90
Unexpended	248 10
	<hr/>
	\$500 00

TAX COLLECTOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$925 00
Expended:	
Arthur P. Dalton, Collector	\$925 00

TAX COLLECTOR—EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$200 00
Expended:		
Stationery and printing	\$92 77	
Postage	48 00	
Deputy Collector's Bond	5 00	
Dues to State Assn.	2 00	
Advertising	18 00	
Miscellaneous supplies	12 50	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$178 27
Unexpended		21 73
	<hr/>	\$200 00

ASSESSORS—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$650 00
Expended:		
Charles F. Leonard, Clerk	\$250 00	
D. Kinsley Barnes	200 00	
Donald B. Lowell	200 00	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$650 00

ASSESSORS—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended:		
Engineering services	\$14 50	
Deed Abstracts	206 95	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., forms	7 24	
Dues to State		
and County Assn.	9 00	
Expenses to State and		
County meetings	22 00	
Postage	5 00	
Use of auto	20 00	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$284 69
Unexpended		15 31
	<hr/>	\$300 00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$550 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	45 51	
Total		\$595 51

Expended:

Pay rolls, Town Meeting	\$ 83 00	
Pay rolls, Listing	115 18	
Printing and postage	209 28	
Advertising	48 05	
Registrars' Salaries	100 00	
H & C Cabinet Co.	40 00	
Total expended		\$595 51

TOWN COUNSEL—SALARY

Appropriation	\$100 00
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Expended:

Shelley D. Vincent	\$100 00
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TOWN COUNSEL—EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$ 75 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	170 75	
Total		\$245 75

Expended:

Shelley D. Vincent, con- ferences, etc.	\$ 75 00	
Trial before Appellate Tax Brd.	100 00	
Settlement, Samuel Taft legacy	50 00	
Recording fees	9 00	
Charlescraft Press stationery	11 75	
Total expended		\$245 75

CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended:		
Helen F. Irons	\$294 30	
Unexpended	5 70	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation		\$190 00
Expended:		
Karl A. Bright	\$177 25	
Unexpended	12 75	
	<hr/>	\$190 00

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$800 00
Expended:		
Frank Barsanti, plumbing	\$ 50 00	
Raymond Dudley,		
janitor service	488 50	
Janitor's supplies	36 91	
C. L. Goss, installation		
of sink counters	110 00	
Bottled gas	74 69	
Emergency light,		
supplies	9 00	
Fuller Regalia Co., flag ..	22 36	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$791 46
Unexpended		8 54
	<hr/>	\$800 00

TOWN HALL DINING TABLES

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended:		
J. L. Hammett Co.	\$292.29	
Unexpended	7 71	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$350 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	34 60	
Total	<hr/>	\$384 60
Expended:		
Carrie Marlow, janitor	\$ 50 00	
Fuel	144 56	
Lights	13 92	
Telephone	114 77	
Repairing chair	10 00	
Cleaning and repairing typewriter	11 00	
Cleaning and repairing oil burner	17 50	
Glass desk top	14 65	
Miscellaneous supplies	8 20	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$384 60

RECORD ROOM SHINGLING

Appropriation		\$175 00
Expended:		
C. L. Goss	\$168 75	
Unexpended	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$175 00

HEAT AND LIGHTS

TOWN HALL, FIRE STATION, AND HIGHWAY BARN

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
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Expended:

Worc. County Elec. Co. ..	\$ 197 40
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H. J. Shaughnessy Oil Co.	1,555 96
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E. T. Powers,	
installing sump pump	107 63

Frank Barsanti, repairs	
to oil burner	100 00

Lester Hill, repairs	4 50
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Bill Power, repairs	5 75
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Total expended	\$1,971 24
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Unexpended	28 76
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—————	\$2,000 00
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CONSTABLE—SALARY

Appropriation	\$25 00
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Expended:

Harold C. Barrows	\$25 00
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
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Transferred from Reserve Fund	392 38
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Total	\$1,892 38
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Expended:

Officers' pay rolls	\$1,658 70
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Toll calls	17 43
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Mileage	181 45
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Accident photos	20 80
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Printing	14 00
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Total expended	\$1,892 38
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$1,650 00
Expended:		
Pay rolls	\$442 00	
Carrie Marlow, test blowing	50 00	
Repairs to apparatus	63 60	
Worc. County Elec. Co.	35 25	
Gasoline, oil, etc.	84 42	
Supplies for apparatus	76 25	
Harold Lowell, salary	100 00	
Maintenance of bldg.	97 55	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	12 00	
Bellingham Lumber Co.	490 00	
Electrical repairs	42 60	
Telephone	132 72	
Miscellaneous supplies	17 20	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$1,643 59
Unexpended		6 41
	<hr/>	\$1,650 00

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
Forest Warden	\$ 25 00	
Farrar & Co., hose and extinguisher	173 50	
Pay rolls	190 10	
C. L. Goss, build- ing material	111 40	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$500 00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
Town of Mendon, 10 hydrants		\$500 00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	\$75 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	36 00	
Total		\$111 00

Expended:

Raymond Miller, boarding and destroying dogs	\$96 00	
Raymond Miller, salary	10 00	
Raymond Miller, use of car	5 00	
Total expended		\$111 00

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
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Expended:

Farrar Co., siren	\$530 00	
E. H. Coleman, swearing in defense workers	25 00	
Niro & Niro installa- tion of siren	272 03	
Use of films	9 52	
Telephone and postage ..	4 32	
First aid supplies	23 49	
Total expended	\$864 36	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1951	135 64	
		\$1,000 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation	\$50 00
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Expended:

Worcester Stamp Co., screw die	\$ 1 23
Hobbs & Warren, seals and Record Book	3 63

Raymond A. Miller		
salary	40 00	
Raymond A. Miller,		
use of car	5 00	
Total expended	—————	\$49 86
Unexpended		14
	—————	\$50 00

WIRING INSPECTOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$50 00
Expended:	
Walter J. Channing, salary	\$50 00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Expended:	
District Nursing Assn.	\$ 75 00
Willard Seibert, meat	
inspection	1 00
A. Woleck, rent and labor	
on Town Dump	346 75
Soda Water permit	10 00
No. Reading State Sani-	
torium, board and	
treatment, one case	390 00
Worcester County Sani-	
torium, board and	
treatment, two cases	540 00
Cleaning Willow Brook	17 00
Pay roll for work	
on Town Dump	15 50
Henry Poirier, for work	
on Town Dump	236 00
Harold Metcalf, burial	
of dog	2 00

John Lundvall, burial		
of dog	2 00	
Advertising	4 05	
A. S. Ingham, signs	15 00	
M. M. Goodnow, repairs		
to Town Pump	32 65	
Total expended	—————	\$1,686 95
Unexpended		813 05
	—————	\$2,500 00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation	\$150 00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows	\$150 00

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation	\$25 00
Expended:	
Willard Seibert	\$25 00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended:	
William Nuttall, salary	\$ 12 00
William Nuttall, labor	191 25
Vernon Barrows	8 00
George Blanchard	192 00
Harold Metcalf	46 00
Mark Wagner	30 00
Theodore Brothers	20 75
Total expended	————— \$500 00

ELM BEETLE SUPPRESSION

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
P. A. Millis, spraying	\$481 00	
William Nuttall, salary and labor	19 00	
Total expended		\$500 00

MOTH SUPPRESSION

Appropriation		\$200 00
Expended:		
William Nuttall, salary and labor	\$ 12 00	
P. A. Millis, spraying	188 00	
Total expended		\$200 00

WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL

Appropriation		\$3,483 58
Expended:		
Worcester County Treasurer		\$3,483 58

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
County Allotment	2,000 00	
State Allotment	4,000 00	
Total		\$8,000 00
Expended:		
Labor	\$1,669 55	
Town Equipment:	982 40	
Hired Equipment:		
Grader	481 00	
Trucks	333 60	

Roller	192 00
Shovel	912 00
Compressor	116 00
Bulldozer	48 00

Material:

Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	167 45
H. Poirier, gravel	2,599 20
Clark-Shaughnessy Co.	8 30
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	394 21
Roland Temple	24 50
H. A. Daniels, Insurance	70 96

Total Expended	\$7,999 17	
Unexpended .....	. 83	
	<hr/>	\$8,000 00

CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,700 00
State Allotment	10,175 00
Total	<hr/> \$13,875 00

Expended:

Labor	\$4,814 83
Town Equipment	1,823 55
Hired Equipment	841 40
H. A. Daniels, Insurance	197 59
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	1,268 68
Trimount Bituminous Products	2,278 69
Barrett Co.	525 66
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	410 16
Attilio Ferritti, blocks	33 00
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	61 68
H. Poirier, gravel	1,533 85

Roland Temple	9 28	
Comm. of Mass., signs	62 50	
Medway Cement		
Block Co.	11 70	
Curtiss Coal Co., supplies	2 40	
Total expended	—————	\$13,874 97
Unexpended		03
	—————	\$13,875 00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$6,000 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	884 77
Total	————— \$6,884 77

Expended:

Labor	\$1,937 03	
Hired Equipment	1,797 25	
Town Equipment	738 00	
Rosenfeld Sand &		
Stone Co.	1,036 14	
The Chemical Corp., salt	901 08	
Dyer Sales & Mach. Co.	290 00	
Express charges	77	
E. F. Edson Co., Inc.	43 50	
Files & O'Keefe Co.	21 00	
Ross Bros., salt	120 00	
Total expended	—————	\$6,884 77

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

GENERAL REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Expended:	
Labor	\$779 95
Town Equipment	8 00

Files & O'Keefe, supplies	29	40	
Henry Poirier, welding	57	89	
C. L. Goss, labor	15	69	
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co.	12	96	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	53	97	
State Prison, signs	20	50	
C. C. Shattuck,			
paint supplies	46	75	
Leonard Jaques & Sons,			
supplies	83	19	
Wagner Bros., lumber	12	60	
Worcester Co. Assn., dues	2	00	
Express	5	16	
Rosenfeld Sand &			
Stone Co.	44	55	
Curtis Coal Co., supplies	18	82	
Telephone	124	02	
Insurance	68	28	
Clark-Shaughnessy, oil...	15	05	
Milford Daily News,			
advertising	3	00	
United Door Co., repairs	8	00	
Julia Swan, land damage	25	00	
Anna Ingham, signs	20	00	
Frederick Lemieux,			
painting	10	16	
Medical care	23	50	
Total expended			\$1,488 44
Unexpended			11 56
			<hr/> \$1,500 00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	\$1,500 00
State Allotment	1,500 00
County Allotment	1,500 00
Total	<hr/> \$4,500 00

Expended:

Labor	\$1,343 63	
Town Equipment	418 00	
Hired Equipment	601 75	
Materials:		
Trimount Bituminous		
Products	1,802 05	
Rosenfeld Sand &		
Stone Co.	287 03	
H. A. Daniels Insur-		
ance Co.	47 45	
Total expended	—————	\$4,499 91
Unexpended		09
		————— \$4,500 00

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund \$2,000 00

Expended:

Arthur Warren, gasoline....	\$ 9 76
O'Grady's Filling Station,	
supplies	83 80
Karl Bright, insurance....	135 73
E. O. Rose & Sons	5 55
Lyman Hazard, sander....	150 00
Ruhan, signs	15 00
Desmarais Body Works,	
repairs	12 00
Mendon Gulf Station,	
supplies	782 97
Lakeside Garage, repairs	410 18
Henley-Kimball Co.	25 12
Scott White Truck Inc.	21 79
Dyer Sales & Mach. Co.	27 50
Truck registration	4 00
H. A. Daniels Insurance	89 41

A. S. Antolini, inspections	2 00	
Interest on truck note	37 50	
Labor	42 80	
Anchor Steel Co.	56 21	
E. F. Edson Co., Inc.	45 96	
Total expended	—————	\$1,957 28
Unexpended	42 72	
	—————	\$2,000 00

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951	\$2,943 42	
Transferred to Road Machinery Account	2,000 00	
Balance	—————	\$ 943 42

Paid to Town Treasurer:

Chapter 81, use of		
Town equipment	\$1,823 55	
Chapter 90 Construction	982 40	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	418 00	
General Repairs	8 00	
Snow Removal	738 00	
Miscellaneous revenue....	478 15	
Total receipts	—————	\$4,448 10
Unexpended balance in Road Mach. Acct.	42 72	
	—————	\$4,490 82
		—————
Balance December 31, 1951		\$5,434 24

TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKING

Appropriation	\$300 00
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Expended:

Frederick Lemieux, road		
marking	\$170 62	
Files & O'Keefe, signs	128 23	
Seaver's Express	1 15	
Total expended	—————	\$300 00

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation		\$700 00
Expended:		
Worc. County Elec. Co. ..	\$684 00	
Unexpended	16 00	
		————— \$700 00

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$45 00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf	\$15 00	
John Lundvall	15 00	
Ernest P. Wood	12 50	
Harold Fairbanks	2 50	
Total expended	—————	\$45 00

PUBLIC WELFARE—TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation		\$6,000 00
Expended:		
(Mendon Settlement)		
One family in own home	\$368 26	
One family in own home	188 80	
One family in own home	40 00	
One person in own home	149 98	
One person in own home	255 14	
One person in own home	473 50	
One person in own home	529 36	
One person in private		
home	11 88	
One family in other town	330 81	
	—————	\$2,347 73

(Settlement in other Towns)

One person in own home	\$831 96	
One family in own home	145 28	
	<hr/>	977 24

(Unsettled Cases, Chargeable to State)

One family in own home	\$1,237 62	
One family in own home	1,367 87	
	<hr/>	2,605 49
Expended for Disability		
Assistance		56 40
United Community		
Services		10 00
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Total expenditures	\$5,996 86	
Unexpended	3 14	
	<hr/>	\$6,000 00

Proportionate share of above expenses:

State of Massachusetts	\$2,605 49	
Town of Milford	977 24	
State & Federal on		
Disability Aid	42 30	
Town of Mendon	2,371 83	
	<hr/>	\$5,996 86

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Received from Federal Government:		
(Direct Aid)	1,901 07	
(Administration)	21 60	
Total	<hr/>	\$4,922 67
Expended:		
For Direct Aid	\$3,322 01	
Unexpended	1,600 66	
	<hr/>	\$4,922 67

Summary:

Federal Govt. Share	\$1,780 67	
State of Mass. Share	1,079 01	
Town of Mendon's Share....	462 33	
Total		\$3,322 01

Amounts due Town:

Federal Government	\$249 02	
State of Massachusetts	162 82	
		\$411 84

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$20,000 00	
Received from Federal Govt.	23,836 58	
Total		\$43,836 58

Expended:

For Direct Aid	\$30,687 94	
Unexpended	13,148 64	
		\$43,836 58

Summary:

Federal Govt. Share	\$13,981 80	
State of Mass. Share	11,426 10	
Due from other Towns	914 10	
Town of Mendon's Share....	4,365 94	
		\$30,687 94

Amounts due the Town:

Federal Government	\$ 20 68	
State of Massachusetts	1,955 35	
Town of Milford	635 29	
Town of Upton	177 52	
Town of Westboro	62 67	
Total		\$2,851 51

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION

Town Appropriation	\$500 00	
Federal Government	356 05	
Total		\$856 05

Expended:

Helen F. Irons, Welfare		
Worker, Salary	\$500 00	
Postage.... ..	29 00	
Traveling expense	25 17	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.,		
forms	2 30	
Total expended	\$556 47	
Unexpended	299 58	
		\$856 05

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$500 00
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Expended:

Aid rendered one family	\$ 26 00	
Aid rendered one person..	205 45	
Total expended	\$231 45	
Unexpended	268 55	
		\$500 00

ADMINISTRATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$100 00
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Expended:

Harold J. Fairbanks	\$ 8 33	
Harold Metcalf	50 00	
Ernest P. Wood	41 67	
Total expended		\$100 00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$57,964 79
Dog Tax Refund	430 21
Total	<u>\$58,395 00</u>
Expended	\$58,389 19
Unexpended	5 81
	<u>\$58,395 00</u>

(For detail of expenditures see School Report)

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$ 1500 00
Expended:	
City of Worcester	\$342 88
Transportation	164 45
Cascade Paper Co., supplies	72 50
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Total expended	<u>\$579 83</u>
Unexpended	920 17
	<u>\$1,500 00</u>

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance on hand January 1, 1951	\$468 90
Revenue from meals	5,254 42
State Reimbursement	1,864 96
Total	<u>\$7,588 28</u>
Expended:	
Pay rolls	\$1,877 00
Food supplies	4,820 98
Equipment	23 66
Seaver's Express	35 47
Globe Ticket Co.	18 40

Dr. John Cicchetti	20	00	
Edna Brown, expenses	13	00	
Repairs	11	60	
Commodities from State	103	80	
Suburban Propane			
Gas Co.	145	51	
Nancy Dudley, laundry ..	30	00	
Miscellaneous expenses ..	9	55	
Total expended			\$7,108 97
Unexpended		479	31
			<hr/> \$7,588 28

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation			\$625 00
Expended:			
Personal Book Shop	\$116	62	
Daniel N. Barnes,			
magazine subscriptions	48	87	
H. W. Wilson Co.	11	80	
American Library Assn. ..	5	00	
Worcester County			
Elec. Co.	13	24	
Gaylord Brothers, Inc.,			
supplies	10	68	
C. C. Shattuck,			
supplies	1	93	
C. L. Goss, construction			
book shelves	45	26	
Barney Coal Co.	46	60	
Vestella M. Daniels,			
Librarian	225	00	
Raymond C. Dudley,			
Janitor	100	00	
Total expended			<hr/> \$625 00

Expenditures from Fletcher Library Fund:

Personal Book Shop	\$92 39
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Expenditures from Samuel B. Taft Library Fund:

Hillside Nursery, tree, shrubs, landscaping	\$150 00
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OLD LIBRARY REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$35 00
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Expended:

C. L. Goss, repairs	\$35 00
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PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$200 00
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Expended:

George A. Johnson,	
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labor	\$120 00
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Austin Taft, Jr. labor	3 00
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Leonard Jaques & Sons,	
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supplies	2 70
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Chester O. Avery, labor ..	40 00
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Clayton Parkinson, plants	13 60
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Total expended	\$179 30
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Unexpended	20 70
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	\$200 00
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WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$500 00
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Transferred from Reserve Fund	125 76
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Total	\$625 76
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Expended:

Central Supply Co., pipe	\$45 98
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Town of Bellingham,	
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water	205 92
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Lloyd Nelson, water services	349 57	
George Allen, meter reading	10 00	
Printing and postage	14 29	
Total expended		\$625 76

WATER EXTENSION—EAST MENDON

Appropriation		\$ 1,500 00
Expended:		
Lloyd Nelson, hydrant, water services and labor	\$733 33	
Johns-Manville, pipe	278 17	
Norman Rogers, truck	12 00	
Varney Bros, Co., excavation and backfill	476 50	
Total expended		\$1,500 00

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$30 00
Expended:		
Swan Dale Cemetery Association		\$30 00

WORCESTER COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM—
EXPENSE FUND

Appropriation		\$640 20
Expended:		
Worcester County Treasurer		\$640 20

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Appropriation	\$175 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	51 61	
Total		\$226 61

Expended:

Sons of Union Veterans,		
flags	\$ 6 00	
Band	125 00	
Wreaths and flowers	17 50	
C. C. Shattuck, supplies	21 78	
Roger L. Wood Post,		
A. L., ammunition	56 33	
Total expended		\$226 61

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		\$1,815 00
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell, Agent	\$1,804 20	
Unexpended	10 80	
		\$1,815 00

ANNUITY FUND

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended:	
Dorothy S. Mantoni	\$500 00

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation	\$510 00
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Expended:

Charlescraft Press	\$450 00	
Unexpended	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$510 00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
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Transfers:

To Elections and Registrations	45 51	
To Water Department Maintenance	125 76	
To Record Room Maintenance	34 60	
To Town Counsel's Exp.	170 75	
To Memorial Day Account	51 61	
To Snow Removal	884 77	
To Police Department	392 38	
To Dog Officer Account	36 00	
Total Transfers	<hr/>	\$1,741 38
Balance	258 62	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

MATURING DEBT

Appropriation	\$4,000.00
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Expended:

School House Addition Loan	\$1,000 00	
Fire Station Loan	2,000 00	
Water Construction Loan	1,000 00	
Total expended		\$4,000 00

INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT

Appropriation		\$923 75
Expended:		
On Fire Station Loan	\$350 00	
On Water Construction		
Loan	416 25	
On School House Loan ..	157 50	
Total expended	_____	\$923 75

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Appropriation		\$200 00
Expended:		
On loans in anticipation		
of revenue	\$125 00	
Unexpended	75 00	
	_____	\$200 00

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

DETAIL OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR 1951

Cash on hand January 1, 1951	\$23,161 23
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RECEIPTS:

1951 Taxes:

Poll Taxes	\$ 940 00
Personal Property Taxes	6,903 00
Real Estate Taxes	72,368 07
Excise Taxes	12,103 77

Previous Year's Taxes:

Personal Property Taxes	704 53
Real Estate Taxes	8,375 16
Excise Taxes	1,077 16
Tax Titles Redeemed	74 80
Recording Tax Titles	1 00
State Corporation Tax	6,788 01
State Income Tax	5,402 32
State Meal Tax	437 69
Public Service Franchise Tax	3 40
Withholding Taxes	4,856 02
Contributory Retirement Deductions ..	854 84
Licenses and Permits	1,036 60
Federal Grant, Old Age Assistance	15,941 31
Federal Grant, Old Age Assist. Adm. ..	238 84
Federal Grant, Aid to Dependent Chil.	1,578 88
Federal Grant, Aid to Dependent	
Children Administration	16 50
State, Inspector of Animals	75 00

State, School Aid Chapter 70	10,118 46
State, Division of Tuberculosis	264 29
State, Highways, Chapter 81, 1950	3,207 00
State, Highways, Chapter 81, 1951	10,175 00
State School Transportation	7,035 11
State Supt. of Schools	1,498 24
State, Highways, Chapter 90	
Maintenance 1950	1,499 96
State, Highways, Chapter 90	
Maintenance 1951	1,499 97
County, Highways, Chapter 90	
Maintenance, 1951	1,499 97
State, Highways, Chapter 90 Const.	3,999 59
County, Highways, Chapter 90 Const. ..	1,999 79
Town of Mendon, Road Machinery	4,448 10
Home Nat'l Bank, Truck Loan	3,000 00
Court Fines and Forfeitures	13 77
Town Hall Rentals	493 25
Meat Inspection Fees	1 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	19 75
Reimbursement of Dog Officer Fees	41 50
Wire Inspections	20 00
State, Temporary Aid	2,321 53
State, Sick Poor	40 00
State, Aid to Dependent Children	1,102 10
State, Old Age Assistance	11,014 67
Town of Upton O.A.A.	167 68
Town of Westboro O.A.A.	61 60
Town of Hopedale O.A.A.	61 08
Town of Milford O.A.A.	271 58
Town of Milford, Temporary Aid	130 36
State, Vocational Education	72 14
Special School Lunch Program	7,119 38
School Athletics	79 72
School Equipment sold	30 00
Library Fines	15 60
Algonquin Gas Co., land damage	250 00

Water Department Revenue	1,483	77
Uncashed checks	49	38
Samuel B. Taft, Library Fund	226	00
Interest on Deferred Taxes	398	84
Interest, Thayer Cemetery Fund	5	00
Transfers from Trust Funds	92	39
Revenue Loans	15,000	00
Town Clerk, Dog License Fees	627	80
Refunds, O.A.A.	30	00
Refund, Collector's Salary	24	20
Refund, Veteran's Benefits	20	00
Refunds, N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	14	36
Total Receipts for 1951	<hr/> \$231,320 83	
	<hr/> \$254,482 06	

Expenditures:

Moderator's Salary	\$25	00
Selectmen's Salaries	550	00
Selectmen's Expense	135	50
Treasurer's Salary	550	00
Treasurer's Expense	158	95
Town Clerk's Salary	200	00
Town Clerk's Expense	251	90
Collector's Salary	956	43
Collector's Expense	178	27
Assessors' Salaries	650	00
Assessors' Expense	284	69
Town Officers' Bonds	177	25
Town Accountant's Salary	400	00
Town Accountant's Expense	30	94
Clerical Hire for Town Officers.....	294	30
Elections and Registrations	595	51
Town Counsel's Salary	100	00
Town Counsel's Expense	245	75
Record Room Maintenance	384	60
Record Room Shingling	168	75
Civilian Defense	864	36

Constable's Salary	25 00
Heat and Lights, Town Buildings	1,971 24
Town Hall Maintenance	791 46
Town Hall Dining Tables	292 29
Police Department	1,892 38
Dog Officer	111 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	49 86
Wiring Inspector's Salary	50 00
Inspector of Animals	150 00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25 00
Fire Department	1,643 59
Forest Fire Department	500 00
Hydrant Rental	500 00
Board of Health	1,686 95
Worcester County Hospital	3,483 58
Highways, General Repairs	1,488 44
Highways, Snow Removal	6,884 77
Highways, Chapter 81	13,874 97
Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,499 91
Highways, Chapter 90 Construction	7,999 17
Highway Machinery Maintenance	1,957 28
New Highway Truck and Plows	6,275 00
Street Lighting	684 00
Public Welfare, Salaries	45 00
Public Welfare, Temporary Aid	5,996 86
Veterans' Benefits	251 45
Veterans' Benefits, Administration	100 00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,322 01
Old Age Assistance	30,717 94
Old Age Assistance, Administration	556 47
Traffic Signs and Road Marking	300 00
School Department	58,389 19
Special School Lunch Program	7,108 97
Tuition for Vocational Schools	579 83
School Athletic Fund	79 72
Taft Public Library	625 00
Old Library Repairs	35 00

Samuel B. Taft Library Fund	150	00
Austin Fletcher Library Fund	92	39
Revenue Loan	15,000	00
Cemetery Funds	200	00
Tree Warden	500	00
Moth Suppression	200	00
Elm Beetle Suppression	500	00
Park Department	179	30
Memorial Day	226	61
Insurance on Town Buildings	1,804	20
Federal Withholding Taxes	4,850	36
Worcester County Retirement System ..	853	27
Retirement System, Expense Fund	640	20
Water Extension, East Mendon	1,500	00
Water Department Maintenancee	625	76
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	30	00
Annuity Fund	500	00
School House Loan and Interest	1,157	50
Fire Station Loan and Interest	2,350	00
Water Construction Loan and Interest ..	1,416	25
Interest on Temporary Loans	125	00
Town Reports	450	00
State Parks Assessment	191	15
State Auditing of Accounts	326	15
Stabilization Fund	5,000	00
County Treasurer, Dog License Fees	615	20
County Tax	4,501	61
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Refunds	220	69
Commonwealth of Mass., uncashed checks	33	00
Poll Tax Refunds	2	00
Real Estate Tax Refunds	45	84
Total expenditures 1951	—————	\$216,432 01
Balance on hand December 31, 1951		\$38,050 05

HELEN F. IRONS,

Town Accountant

LIST OF JURORS

Chester O. Avery	Draftsman	George Street
D. Kinsley Barnes	Realtor	Maple Street
Gordon R. Good	Machinist	North Avenue
Mildred A. Goss	Housewife	Maple Street
Donald B. Lowell	Dairyman	North Avenue
John L. Lundvall	Photographer	Hartford Ave., E.
Lester P. Mann	Patternmaker	Washington Street
Margaret G. Morrison	Housewife	Providence Street
Clayton Parkinson	Florist	Hastings Street
Marjorie H. Shattuck	Housewife	Elm Street
Marion G. Stevens	Hat worker	Main Street
Douglas Taylor	Carpenter	George Street
Joseph J. Trainor	Chauffeur	Milford Street
Jesse F. White	Boat Dealer	Uxbridge Road
Harry L. Wilbur	Retired	Hastings Street

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

CASH RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1, 1951—DECEMBER 31, 1951

Cash on hand, January 1, 1951	\$ 23,161 23	
Receipts for year 1951	231,320 83	
	<hr/>	254,482 06
Paid per Selectmen's Warrants		
year 1951	\$216,432 01	
Cash balance December 31, 1951	38,050 05	
	<hr/>	254,482 06
Cash Balance December 31, 1951		38,050 05
Balance in the Home National Bank		
of Milford, December 31, 1951 ..	\$39,283 49	
Cash in the hands of Treasurer as of		
December 31, 1951	4,195 45	
	<hr/>	\$43,478 94
Less outstanding checks as of Decem-		
ber 31, 1951	\$5,428 89	
	<hr/>	\$38,050 05
See Town Accountant's Report for detail of Receipts and		
Expenditures.		
27 Tax Titles		\$2,237 40

TRUST FUND REPORTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1951

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$546 91	
To Interest Received from Milford Savings Bank	13 74	
To Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	750 47	
To Interest Received from Worcester County Institution for Savings	20 77	
	<hr/>	\$1,331 89

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$560 65	
By Cash in Worcester County Institu- tion for Savings	771 24	
	<hr/>	\$1,331 89

U. S. DEFENSE BOND

DR.

To One U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000 00	
To Interest Received on Bond	25 00	
To Interest received previous to 1951 and on deposit in The Home Na- tional Bank of Milford	183 07	
To Interest received from The Home National Bank of Milford	2 78	
	<hr/>	\$1,210 85

CR.

By one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000 00	
By Cash in The Home National Bank of Milford	210 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,210 85

STABILIZATION FUND

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$6,113 13
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To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	134 87	
To Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	9,052 08	
To Interest received from Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	177 09	
	<hr/>	\$15,477 17

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$6,248 00	
By Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	9,229 17	
	<hr/>	\$15,477 17

ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$584 75	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	14 70	
	<hr/>	\$599 45

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$599 45	
	<hr/>	\$599 45

NATHAN R. GEORGE, Jr. TRUST FUND

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,182 71	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	29 74	
	<hr/>	\$1,212 45

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,212 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,212 45

AUSTIN B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,145 22	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	129 42	
	<hr/>	\$5,274 64

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,182 25	
By two Library Orders	92 39	
	<hr/>	\$5,274 64

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT—BICKNELL CEMETERY

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$100 00	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$101 25

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$101 25	
	<hr/>	\$101 25

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX
LOTS—BICKNELL CEMETERY

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$100 00	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$101 25

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$101 25	
	<hr/>	\$101 25

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1951

1949 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951	\$132 75	
Interest	7 49	
	_____	\$140 24

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$140 24	
Uncollected	00	
	_____	\$140 24

1949—Real Estate Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951	\$1,736 56	
Interest	34 24	
Costs of Tax Taking	4 15	
	_____	\$1,774 95

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,734 45	
Tax Taking	40 50	
Uncollected	00	
	_____	\$1,774 95

1950 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

DR.

Total Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951	\$934 30	
Interest	12 92	
	<hr/>	\$947 22

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$898 73	
Abated	48 49	
Uncollected	00	
	<hr/>	\$947 22

1950 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed Jan. 17, 1951	\$195 56	
Interest	54	
	<hr/>	\$196 10

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$191 89	
Abated	4 21	
Uncollected	00	
	<hr/>	\$196 10

1950 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951	\$655 96	
Interest	15 59	
	<hr/>	\$671 55

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$587 37	
Uncollected	84 18	
	<hr/>	\$671 55

1950 Real Estate Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951	\$7,208 83	
Interest	242 93	
	<hr/>	\$7,451 76

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$6,922 03	
Abated	132 86	
Subsequent Tax Title Credit	41 40	
Uncollected	355 47	
	<hr/>	\$7,451 76

1951—Poll Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$1,134 00	
Interest	2 66	
Costs	23 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,160 11

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$966 11	
Abated	194 00	
Uncollected	00	
	<hr/>	\$1,160 11

1951—Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

DR.

First Commitment April 5, 1951	\$4,731 71	
Interest	5 49	
	<hr/>	\$4,737 20

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$4,608 00	
Abated	129 20	
Uncollected	00	
	<hr/>	\$4,737 20

DR.

Second Commitment April 30, 1951	\$1,477 78	
Interest	2 60	
		<hr/> \$1,480 38

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,449 15	
Abated	31 23	
Uncollected	00	
		<hr/> \$1,480 38

DR.

Third Commitment June 6, 1951	\$2,565 08	
Interest	4 54	
		<hr/> \$2,569 62

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$2,482 83	
Abated	70 86	
Uncollected	15 93	
		<hr/> \$2,569 62

DR.

Fourth Commitment July 18, 1951	\$2,391 61	
Interest	1 98	
		<hr/> \$2,393 59

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$2,258 54	
Abated	127 33	
Uncollected	7 72	
		<hr/> \$2,393 59

DR.

Fifth Commitment November 23, 1951	\$1,829 14	
	<hr/>	\$1,829 14

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,319 86	
Abated	11 71	
Uncollected	497 57	
	<hr/>	\$1,829 14

1951—Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$7,671 50	
Interest	30	
	<hr/>	\$7,671 80

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$6,903 30	
Abated	5 50	
Uncollected	763 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,671 80

1951 Real Estate Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$80,809 50	
Interest	37 79	
	<hr/>	\$80,847 29

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$72,405 86	
Abated	1,577 50	

Subsequent Tax Title Credit	292 00
Uncollected	6,571 93'
	<hr/> \$80,847 29

Tax Refunds for 1951

1950 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 28 15
1950 Real Estate Taxes	8 34
1951 Poll Taxes	2 00
1951 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	192 54
1951 Real Estate Taxes	37 50

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes

January 1, 1952

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessor's Recapitulation Sheet and Table of Aggregates is given below:

RECAPITULATION 1951

Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1950 Tax rate was fixed	\$154,703 95	
State Taxes, 1951	597 85	
County Taxes, 1951	6,396 20	
Overlay for 1951	2,320 35	
	<hr/>	\$164,018 35
Estimated Receipts	\$ 56,849 47	
Available Funds	17,677 38	
	<hr/>	74,526 85
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Net amount raised on Polls and Property		\$ 89,491 50
564 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$ 1,128 00	
Personal Property	7,671 50	
Real Estate	80,692 00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 89,491 50

AGGREGATES 1951

Number of Assessments on Real Estate	737
Number of Assessments on Personal Estate	72

Value of Assessed Stock-in-trade ..	\$ 6,700 00	
Value of Assessed Live Stock.....	65,180 00	
Value of Assessed Machinery	77,300 00	
Value of All Other Assessed		
Personal Property	4,250 00	
Total value of Assessed		
Personal Property	—————	\$153,430 00
Value of Assessed Buildings,		
excluding land	\$1,281,990 00	
Value of Assessed Land,		
excluding buildings	331,850 00	
Total value of Assessed		
Real Estate	—————	\$1,613,840 00
Total value of Assessed Property ..		\$1,767,270 00
Tax on Personal Estate	\$ 7,671 50	
Tax on Real Estate	80,692 00	
Tax on Polls	1,128 00	
Total	—————	\$89,491 50
Rate of Tax per \$1,000	\$50 00	
Number of Horses assessed	26	
Number of Cows assessed	542	
Number of Neat Cattle other		
than cows assessed	87	
Number of Swine assessed	45	
Number of Goats assessed	12	
Number of Fowl assessed	3210	
Number of Dwelling		
Houses assessed	558	
Number of Acres of Land assessed	10,721	

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED
TO COLLECTOR IN 1951

Value of Vehicles

registered in 1951	\$13,263 69
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

1951 Taxes	\$562 87
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1950 Taxes	80 83
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OVERLAY ACCOUNT 1951

1951 Overlay	\$2,320 35
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1951 Abatements	1,957 70
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Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. LOWELL,
D. KINSLEY BARNES,
CHARLES F. LEONARD

Board of Assessors

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1951

DOGS LICENSED IN 1951

169 Males at \$2.00 each	338 00	
33 Females at \$5.00 each	165 00	
72 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each	144 00	
4 \$10.00 Kennel Licenses	40 00	
		————— \$687 00
Less Clerk's fees: 278 licenses at 20c		55 60
		—————
Cash paid Town Treasurer as per		
monthly statements		\$631 40

Much credit is due our Dog Officer Raymond Miller for the extra amount of dog tax collected this year. He has devoted much of his time rounding up unlicensed dogs in 1951.

Attention is called to the fact that all dogs *three* months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's Office on or before April 1, 1952. No bills are sent for this tax, so please co-operate by paying your Dog License promptly. Dog owners should realize that the Dog Refund is added to the General School Fund, and should be more prompt in paying this tax.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM JANUARY 1, 1951 TO DECEMBER 31, 1951

Series	1 Resident Citizen Fishing.....	117	\$ 2 00	\$ 234 00
	2 Resident Citizen Hunting.....	110	2 00	220 00

3 Resident Citizen Sporting.....	117	3 25	380 25
4 Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing.....	73	1 25	91 25
6 Resident Citizen Trapping.....	2	5 25	10 50
7 Special Non-resident Fishing..	1	1 50	1 50
9 Non-resident Citizen Fishing..	10	5 25	52 50
10 Non-resident Citizen Hunting	6	10 25	61 50
12 Duplicate	4	50	2 00
15 Resident Citizen Sporting Free	12	—	—
16 Resident Citizen Military or or Naval Sporting Free.....	10	—	—
17 Resident Citizen Fishing (Old Age 'Asst.) Free.....	1	—	—
			\$1,053 50
Less Fees retained by Clerk....	436	at 25c	109 00
			<hr/>
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game as per monthly statements			\$ 944 50

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1951

Date of Birth 1951	Name of Child	Name of Parents with Maiden Name of Mother
Jan.	5 Ronald Bruce Hart	John J. and Margaret Seay
	7 William Bennett Hackenson	William E. and Frances E. Cichanowicz
	25 Anthony John Warren	Arthur and Nancy Magliocca
	31 Elaine Marie Barrows	Harold C. Jr. and Avis E. McKinley
Feb.	4 Linda Marie Daige	George A. Jr. and Gladys L. Care
	12 Allen Thomas Calcagni	Charles W. and Bernice Beiersdorf
	17 Susan Lynn Campbell	William V. and Alta Sears
Mar.	4 Randall Brian Harding	Philip W. and Beverly Taft
	14 Harriet Beth Wiersma	Cornelius and Annie DeVries
	26 Patricia Jeanne Barron	Alfred J. Jr. and Edna Laren
	28 Rose Mary Kempton	Donald A. and Shirley Wright
	29 Kathy Lynne Fagan	Robert K. and Shirley A. Christensen
Apr.	10 Richard Allan Taft	Daniel H. and Lois E. Rosenquist
	10 Paula Margaret Kopeski	Edward J. and Rita M. Tetreault
	18 Charles Warren Johnson	Arthur F. and Mary R. Bowden
	19 Edward Wallace Phillips	George and Barbara Packard
	28 Barbara Ellen Davenport	George G. and Anne Corcoran
May	2 Robert Taft Hackenson	Robert H. and Helen Charge
	4 Sharon Craddock	Hugh and Dorothy Chapin
	6 Marsha Jean Bradley	Albert and Dorothy Varney
	22 Gerald Lee Wiersma	George and Jennie Oosterman
June	8 Roland Lind Carlson, Jr.	Roland L. and Marjorie E. Boyd
	15 Elizabeth Elaine Hurlimann	Henry O. and Edith Gaskill
	18 Stuart Loring White	Edgar L. and Gloria Stuart
	20 Victoria Ann DiAntonio	Joseph F. and Eva L. Silvi
July	15 Wayne Emory Garrett	William E. and Myrtle Cole
	11 Edward Joseph Rondeau, Jr.	Edward J. and Jane Ann Hetherington
	23 Janet Louise Kinnecome	Willard E. and Ruth A. Lyon
Aug.	11 Patricia Ann Roy	Raymond T. and Florida Daige
	12 Paul Davis Whiting	Robert E. and Beatrice Sanborn
	14 Baby Girl Taylor	Harold E. and Marion W. Burrill
	16 Cheryl Marguerite Demers	Norman H. and Lillian Lamontagne
	22 Paul Gilbert Beal	Gilbert W. and Evelyn M. Sullivan
	20 Alice May Hunt	Raymond and Pierrette Mongeon
Sept.	9 Dianne Marie Bond	Henry Delbert and Jean E. Farr
Oct.	1 Thomas Michael Hackenson	Thomas D. and Dorothy A. Charge
	9 Robert Ernest Lamothe	Francis J. and Edwina Tetreault
	29 Dennis Ernest Tetreault	Aldore E. and Pauline A. Leclair
Dec.	14 Dale Robbin Colby	Ira M. and Josephine Higgins
	14 Karleen Louise Barrows	Merton F. and Janet Smith
	26 Stanley Allen Walenty	Edward E. and Louise C. Knowlton

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1951

Date of Marriage 1951		Place of Marriage	Names	Residence
Jan.	27	Hopedale	James A. Carmody, Jr. Susan I. Seagrave	Mendon Uxbridge
Feb.	3	Uxbridge	William D. O'Brien Irene C. Wilde	Uxbridge Mendon
	3	No. Bellingham	Robert H. Bennett Marjorie Bowen	Bellingham Mendon
	17	No. Bellingham	Arthur Richards Rita Belland	Mendon Medway
Apr.	19	Mendon	Rupert L. Greenleaf Anna C. Nelson	Mechanic Falls, Me. Framingham, Mass.
May	5	Northbridge	Frank Roy Eva R. Hill Thurber	Mendon Mendon
	5	Milford	Peter Nicholas Morelli Shirley Ruth Fessinden	Mendon Natick, Mass.
	26	Uxbridge	Herbert S. Wood Beatrice C. Tetreault	Mendon Mendon
June	9	Boston	Arthur E. White Charlotte R. Thompson	Mendon Mendon
June	17	Milford	Frank Edward Dudley Geneva Mae Wilbur	Mendon Milford
	20	Hopedale	William M. Wagner, Jr. Nancy L. Charge	Mendon Hopedale
	30	Milford	Elliot G. Halsing Helen Jean MacDonald	Mendon Mendon
July	7	Milford	Alvar M. Halsing Harriet F. Santosuosso	Mendon Milford
	7	Uxbridge	Victor L. Tetreault Theresa M. Nolet	Mendon Northbridge
	8	Wrentham	Frederick G. Harvey Rae J. MacLellan	Mendon Mendon
	28	Worcester	William Taylor Mary E. G. Demers	Mendon Worcester
Aug.	25	Milford	Walter J. Butler, Jr. Patricia Osbourn	Mendon Blackstone, Mass.
Sept.	8	Woonsocket, R. I.	Robert Edward Lemire Leah M. Garneau	Mendon Woonsocket, R. I.
	15	Medway	Robert John Rossetti Mary Margaret Fletcher	Mendon Medway, Mass.
Oct.	13	Mendon	James M. Rogers, Jr. Joyce Lillian Palmer	Mendon Gorham, N. H.
	18	Hopedale	Edgar I. Ayotte Pauline Martin	Woonsocket, R. I. Mendon
Dec.	1	Mendon	William L. Auty Mary J. Whitney Laundry	Mendon Mendon
	29	Milford	Furnie R. White, 3rd Margaret L. Dowden	Mendon Hopedale

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1951

Date of Death 1951	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Y	M	D	
March	John J. Mauning	37	6	11	Mitral stenosis with auricular fibrillation and cardiac failure
	Arthur Frederic Rugg	39	0	14	Shot gun wound through mouth
April	Patrick F. Quirk	64	1	29	Coronary Thrombosis
	Lucinda M. Esty	93	1	5	Congestive heart failure
May	Henry Ace Hammond	74	3	7	Cerebral hemorrhage
	Thomas F. Kelley	85	7	1	Arterio sclerosis
Aug.	George Loftis Smith	48	10	18	Cardiac Pulmorale
	Mary J. Taylor			2	Congenital diffuse atelectasis
June	Mabel B. Fletcher	64	6	13	Myocarditis
Oct.	Sophronia Louise Daniels	83	7	17	Broncho pneumonia
Nov.	George Metcalf Barrows	56	9	27	Cancer of kidney
Dec.	Helen Maria Taft	88	5	25	Myocarditis

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born * * *

NOTICE

SOME OF THE MANY

REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Parents will please return the supplemental birth report sent them by the Clerk, even though they have received one from the Clerk of the town in which the child was born. The corrections are not forwarded to the Mendon Town Clerk.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

In submitting the 25th Annual report I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to serve the Townspeople during these years, and may I be able to serve you a great many more.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1952.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1951

To the Selectmen of Mendon,

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 16 alarms in 1951 as follows:

3 Chimney Fires	1 False Alarm
3 Dwelling House Fires	1 Garage Fire
4 Automobile Fires	2 Hen House Fires
2 Mercantile buildings	

Called to wash off road where a large amount of fuel oil had spilled.

Called twice for use of floodlights at auto accidents.

A new siren was installed in the library building.

The firemen held their usual Fourth of July parade entertainment and refreshments for the children. The soap-box derby was held in October and with the Grange the Department decorated the tree on Founders Park for Christmas.

This year Christmas carols were played over a public address system from the fire station.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Fire Chief

The forest fire department answered 17 alarms in 1951 burning over 18 acres of grass and 6½ acres of brush land.

Five of these fires were caused by careless use of incinerators, five started from burning without a permit and five were started by the roadside, one by hunters and one by boys.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1951

Complaints answered	57
Accidents investigated	47
Persons injured	21
Persons admitted to Hospital	15
Court cases	6
Committed to State Hospital	1
Cars repossessed	2
Stolen cars recovered	2
Stolen bicycles recovered	2
Suicide case	1
Attempted suicide	1
Fatal accident investigated	1
Arrests made	8
Breaking and entering	8
Hours patrolling	937
Miles covered patrolling	2154
Warrants served	2
Summons served	6
Summons served for out of town Police	9

During the year 162 Motor Vehicle violations were turned in to me. The Registry of Motor Vehicles suspended 73 licenses and issued 25 Warning Notices.

I recommend that there be more road patrolling during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I wish to report one meat inspection for the year 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD N. SEIBERT,

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Scales under 100 lbs.	9 @ 50c	\$ 4 50
Scales over 100 lbs	1 @ 1 00	1 00
Gasoline Pumps	8 @ 1 00	8 00
Grease Pumps	6 @ 1 00	6 00
Kerosene Pumps	1 @ 25c	25
Total		\$19 75

Fees and adjusting charges authorized by Section 56, G. L. Ch. 98 as amended by Ch. 34, Acts of 1949.

I have collected \$19.75 for sealing fees and have turned this amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. MILLER,

Sealer

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit a list of the deceased Dogs and Cats disposed of by me during 1951:

March 4

Pleasant Street

1 Dog

March 20	Park Street	1 Dog
April 2	Milford Street	1 Dog
April 20	North Avenue	1 Cat
September 12	Uxbridge Road	1 Dog
September 30	Millville Street	1 Dog
October 22	Uxbridge Road	1 Dog
November 7	Hartford Avenue, W.	1 Dog
November 26	Bates Street	2 Cats

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. MILLER,

Dog Officer

REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

Electric inspections 20 @ \$1.00 each \$20.00

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer
\$20.00 for electrical inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER J. CHANNING,

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on the Town roads for the year 1951.

CHAPTER 81

A drop inlet and 240 feet additional drainage with pipe was installed on Taft Avenue. This has taken care of the overflow of water in this section.

Harrington Street was excavated and widened to 16 feet, and made a hard surface road.

North Avenue was improved in front of the Pickard residence and a drop inlet and pipe has been installed, thus doing away with a bad ditch.

On Washington Street 1,580 feet of roadway was honed and improved. A new culvert was also installed.

Hopedale Street, which was in very poor condition, has been honed from North Avenue to Trask Road .

Park Street was honed and improved from Uxbridge Road to the Wright residence.

Trask Road was improved and a hard top surface applied.

2,370 feet of roadway was honed and improved on Hartford Avenue East and the same distance was honed and improved on Bellingham Street.

2,125 yards of gravel was used on Town roads and ten new street signs were erected in various places. Seal coats of tar and asphalt and sand were applied, and brush was cut on all Chapter 81 roads.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

North Avenue, Northbridge Road, Hartford Avenue West and Millville Streets were treated with asphalt and tar where the surface required it. Brush was cut on all of these roads and drainage work done.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

On Providence Street from the Thomas residence to the Ashkins' residence, the road was excavated part way and some of it was broken up and the corners cut. 240 feet of drainage was installed opposite the Parmenter farm and the ledge was cut back about 25 feet. This was to staighthen the road somewhat as well as to allow more room for snow removal.

There is an article in the Town Warrant for \$4,000. for a new bridge on Bellingham Street to replace the one over Muddy Brook which has been condemned by the State Department of Public Works as unsafe. The large stringers are in bad condition the planks are loose and spikes will not stay driven in. The necessary repairs would cost considerable, and then last for only a few years. The requested appropriation would provide for a steel arch bridge which would last many years.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Townspeople, and the State and County Engineers for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,
Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The East Mendon Water System which has been in use in that section of the Town since the latter part of 1947, has a total of 40 takers receiving service and 11 hydrants available. There will be additional services installed as of 1952.

These additional services will make a substantial increase in water revenue for the Town as well as revenue from property taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW

EVERETT G. WATSON

DONATO F. LEONE

Water Commissioners

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the report of the Librarian, Financial Report, and Trustees Report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

During the year some significant improvements have been made in the library building and grounds. A planting of evergreens has been set along the front of the building and a tree planted in the front lawn. Additional book shelves have been installed in the basement room to store books of limited utility in order that the space in the upstairs stacks may be used for the books which are more generally used.

It is the hope of the Trustees that arrangements can be made to improve the grounds between the Library and Town Hall that the area may become an attractive and well kept lawn.

At the meeting of the Trustees on August 30, 1951, it was voted to accept a bequest of \$226 from the estate of the late Samuel B. Taft of Uxbridge. The financial report shows that money from this bequest was used to pay for the landscaping and planting on the library grounds.

In order that the services of the Library may be maintained on a satisfactory level, it will be necessary to ask for a somewhat larger appropriation at the annual town meeting.

The Trustees wish to express their appreciation for the sincere and faithful work of Mrs. Vestella M. Daniels, Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

NINA M. BURR

HAROLD METCALF

RICHARD F. HARDING

HENRY P. CLOUGH

Library Trustees

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Taft Public Library:

The circulation for the year (99 days) was 3938; the largest number given out in one day, 93; and the average, 41. Circulation by classes was: Fiction, 1784; juvenile, 995; magazines, 649; biography, 114; travel, 63; history, 94; literature, 77; fine arts, 59; science and all others, 143.

New books added to the Library by the Town, 60; by Fletcher Fund, 56; making a total of 116. We have also received by gift 67 books, for which thanks are due Mrs. Viola Barnes, Mr. Eugene Weeks, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. E. C. Nelson, Miss Mary English, Mrs. Mabel Griffin and Miss Nina Burr. There are now 10,677 volumes in the Library.

The Library subscribes to the following magazines: American, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes &

Gardens, Boys' Life, Life, Colliers, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, McCall's, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Reader's Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post, Time and Woman's Home Companion. Fines collected during the year amounted to \$15.60, which has been turned over to the town treasurer.

Miss Iris Rogers and Miss Shirley Steere have been high school assistants this year; and Miss Steere conducted the Story Hour for five weeks in the summer. Vital Records of Massachusetts towns and other reference books of historical interest have been placed on new shelves in the basement.

Respectfully submitted,

VESTELLA M. DANIELS,

Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

MASSACHUSETTS

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1951-1952

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Richard F. Harding, Chairman	Term Expires 1952
Herbert F. Bowen	Term Expires 1953
Gordon R. Good, Secretary	Term Expires 1954

Regular meetings are held at the Center School building on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE, B. S. E., Ed. M.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Office Hours—4:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. on School days.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Donald Allain, M.D.

Telephone, Milford 1851-W

SCHOOL NURSE

Grace Moran

Milford District Nursing Association

JANITOR

Raymond Barrows

Mendon, Mass.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows, Mendon, Mass.

Jesse F. White, Mendon, Mass.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows

Mendon, Mass.

TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degree or Years	Years in Town
Henry P. Clough, Principal	Algebra, French Geometry, Geography	Dartmouth College and New Hampshire University	B.S.	Twenty-fourth
Raymond F. Biedrzycki	Math., Biology Science, Physics	Rhode Island State	Ed.M.	Sixth
Mary C. McCormack	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	B.S.	Seventh
Louise Benotti	Home Economics Social Science	Simmons College	B.S.	Fifth
Doris O'Neill	English Latin	Worcester State Tea.	B.S.E.	Fourth
Virginia Mayo	Grade 6	Bridgewater State Tea.	B.S.E.	Eighth
Rita Bishop	Grade 5	Framingham State Tea.	Two	First
Dorothy L. Stanas	Grade 4	Worcester State Tea.	B.S.E.	Second
Barbara Seaver	Grade 3	Framingham State Tea.	B.S.E.	Seventh
Grace Gaskell	Grade 2	Framingham State Tea.	Two	Thirteenth
Bertha Hammann	Grade 1	Rhode Island College	Two and one-half	Sixth

SUPERVISORS

Name	Subject	Preparation	Degree or Years	Years in Town
Christine Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	Diploma 3 Years	Fourth
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburgh	M.A.	Fifth

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD
JANUARY, 1952 TO JUNE, 1953 .

HIGH SCHOOL

Open January 2, 1952, Close February 15, 1952

Open February 25, 1952, Close April 18, 1952

Open April 28, 1952, Close June 20, 1952

SUMMER VACATION

Open September 3, 1952, Close December 23, 1952

Open January 5, 1953, Close February 20, 1953

Open March 2, 1953, Close April 17, 1953

Open April 27, 1953, Close June 19, 1953

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Same as High School Except:

Close June 13, 1952

Close June 12, 1953

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Memorial Day, May 30, 1952

Columbus Day Observance, October 13, 1952

Armistice Day, November 11, 1952

Thanksgiving Recess, November 27-28, 1952

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reasons for so doing are that much confusion has re-

sulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ and WWON to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Appropriation	\$57,964	79
Dog Tax, 1951	430	21
Total Receipts	\$58,395	00
Total Expenditures	\$58,389	19
Unexpended Balance		5 81

REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid	\$12,068	46
Superintendent: Salary-Transportation ..	1,498	24
All School Transportation	7,035	11
Boston City Wards	381	99
Sale of Motor	30	00
Vocational Educations	72	14
Telephone Refund	3	59
Total Reimbursements	\$21,089	53

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$58,389	19
Reimbursements	21,089	53
Net Cost by Taxation	\$37,299	66

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense	\$	35	00
Superintendent's Salary	2,359	95	
Superintendent's Expense	295	04	
Supervisor's Salary (Music)	650	24	

Supervisor's Salary (Penmanship)	350 00	
Teachers' Salaries	29,327 63	
Textbooks	924 07	
School Supplies	937 79	
Wages of Janitor	2,606 99	
Fuel	1,186 96	
Janitor's Supplies	839 04	
Telephones	135 64	
Electricity	493 64	
Advertising	21 00	
Police Protection	16 88	
Commissioner of Public Safety	5 00	
Maintenance	27 00	
Insurance	46 00	
Repairs	7,295 02	
Library	13 34	
Health	533 15	
Transportation	8,844 54	
New Equipment	1,445 27	
Total Expenditures		\$58,389 19

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Mendon:

We congratulate the townspeople on their fine school system, under the guidance of a personnel of remarkable ability and integrity. In trying times like the present, which we are going through, it behooves us to look back at the faith and courage of our predecessors—and look up to God for renewal of our trust to our community, state, and nation.

It is the desire of the school committee to extend our efforts in service to the community by keeping within the limits of the budget voted by you, and retaining the highest possible degree of scholarship.

In looking over the progress of the past year, we have accomplished with the able assistance of our local contractor, Carlton Goss, the completion of a new class room in the basement, a new tool house, a new draining system, and a cover for the boiler room entrance.

Considerable redecorating has been accomplished in the various classrooms. The purchase of new equipment has greatly simplified the cleaning and resurfacing of the floors.

The chairs in the domestic science room are being refinished; a new gas stove and a gas refrigerator are being installed.

The installation of the new heating system, voted by you, is giving good performance, and represents money wisely spent.

Parent night was observed November 14. No classes were held. Parents were given an opportunity to observe the work

of the pupils and to confer with the teachers. It is hoped this change will work out with satisfaction to all concerned.

The transportation of the pupils is efficiently handled by Messrs. Jesse F. White and Harold C. Barrows.

For the new year we have in our budget recommendations for new shades for some classrooms, equipment for a play center, grading about the grounds, new equipment for the commercial department, and repairs to the roofs in sections where needed.

The school committee has in mind and shall endeavor to do something about instruction in art and mechanical drawing. We also need an adequate medical center in our school system.

The rising costs of materials and labor limit us in procuring all of the above, but some progress is anticipated. Increases in wages for teachers and personnel have been effected.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the faithful work of our school superintendent, principal and teaching staff, the P. T. A., and the labors of Mr. Biedrzycki, Mrs. Edna Brown, Raymond Barrows, and fellow townspeople.

In conclusion we appeal to the parents and pupils to take civic pride in helping to keep our property presentable at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD F. HARDING, Chairman

GORDON R. GOOD, Secretary

HERBERT F. BOWEN

Mendon School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my ninth annual report as Superintendent of School.

No changes occurred in the regular teaching staff during the past year. However, due to the construction of a new classroom an additional teacher was necessary. Mrs. Rita Bishop of Milford, and a graduate of Framingham Normal School, was engaged to fill this position. Mrs. Bishop, an experienced teacher, is fitting into our school system in a splendid manner. We are very fortunate in being able to retain our experienced teachers.

Our school enrollment figures are steadily increasing each year. The total enrollment, as of October 1, 1951, was 327 which is the greatest number of pupils ever to be enrolled in our school. However, included in this figure are some 12 to 15 pupils who will probably be leaving during the year. They are children whose fathers are engaged in gas pipe line construction work and may be classed only as temporary residents of the town. The following table shows the total enrollment, as of October 1, grades one through twelve, over a ten-year period.

Year	Number Pupils
1942	307
1943	284
1944	262
1945	249
1946	247

1947	249
1948	249
1949	259
1950	297
1951	327

It is interesting to observe that the largest enrollment, prior to 1951, was in 1942, about 9 years ago, when the figure was 307. The total school enrollment will continue to increase each year because the birth rate is increasing. In 1950 there were 43 births recorded in town. Quite a number of new homes have been built. Children from these families will further increase the total number of children in school attendance. The construction of a new basement classroom has alleviated a condition where we would have had dangerously overcrowded grade classrooms. For another year or two it would seem that we could get along without more classroom space. Anticipated registrations for the next few years are as follows:

September 1952	340
September 1953	335
September 1954	365

Since it takes time to provide for an expansion of the school plant, the matter of future enrollment must be carefully studied and increased attendance planned for.

Classroom instruction has continued on a high level with all teachers endeavoring to maintain high standards. The retention of good teachers for two or more years enables them to understand the children and better learn their abilities, skills and attitudes. Particular emphasis is being placed on English, literature, spelling, and handwriting. State courses of study are being used in all grades up to and including grade six. The reading program in grade one was completely revised before the opening of school in September. We have all the various materials necessary for this most important subject. Grade two revisions will be off the press in time for the teachers to use them next September. All teachers

are trying to make school work interesting to pupils. Special activities and projects are used to further motivate the school program.

This year for the first time it has been possible to organize the elementary grades on the basis of a single grade to a room and a single grade to a teacher. Each of the first four grades occupies a room on the first floor. Grade five occupies the new classroom in the basement, and grade six, a room on the second floor. This organization is far superior to that of past years when some classrooms were obliged to take care of two grades, or sections of two grades at the same time. With our present organization—only one grade to a room—more efficient instruction is possible, more time can be given to the class, and the children are more homogeneously grouped. This change marks a splendid step forward in the education of our children.

American Education Week was observed as usual in November. This year an open house night was held, whereby parents could visit classrooms, observe the work of the pupils, and talk with teachers in regard to the progress of their children. This was a very successful arrangement, and many parents took advantage of this opportunity to visit the school and discuss problems with teachers. It might be well to add here that parents are cordially invited to visit the school and classes at any time. The School Department is always pleased and willing to do everything in its power at any time to further the progress of each and every pupil.

The school lunch room has continued functioning in an exceptionally fine manner. The work of different members of the Parent-Teachers-Association in helping prepare meals is deeply appreciated. Rising prices and increasing costs of operation have made it necessary to increase the cost of lunches. A good cafeteria is a very important part of a well-founded school program.

Last May a registration and visiting day was held for children who expected to enter grade one for the first time and for their parents. This is a very important school activity as it gives

the School Department an idea as to the possible size of the entering class and how best to prepare and provide for it. It also saves considerable time which would have to be spent in registering first grade children on the opening day of school in September. It also gives parents an opportunity to get children vaccinated, required by law, and have birth certificates in order. Another such day will be held next May. It is sincerely hoped that every first grade child who will enter school for the first time next September will be registered. Notices will be sent to all parents in advance.

The annual registration of all minors in town, between the ages of 5 and 16, was taken in October. The results are shown in the following table:

DISTRIBUTION OF MINORS

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys	22	142
Girls	20	150
Totals	42	292
In public school membership	25	271
In private school membership	2	20
Not enrolled in any school	15	1
Total	42	292

The figures in this listing will not be the same as in the Age-Grade-Enrollment chart. The figures in the Registration of Minors table include all pupils in town regardless of whether or not they attend school, or where they attend school. The Age-Grade-Enrollment chart figures show the number of pupils attending public school.

The most repair item this year was the construction of a new classroom in the basement of the building opposite the home economics classroom. This room is modern in every way and is one of the best classrooms in the school building. It has an acoustical tile ceiling, fluorescent lighting, automatic heating, and ventilation, mastic tile floor, modern green chalkboards, modern cork bulletin board, new movable desks and chairs, and many other features. Without this new classroom our elementary grades would have been so badly overcrowded that efficient classroom instruction would have been almost impossible. Furthermore, the addition of this classroom should take care of expanding enrollment for the next year or two.

Another major improvement has been the elimination of water seepage into the basement of the new part of the building on the northwest corner. This condition has existed for years in spite of efforts each year to check it. In spite of all the heavy fall rains no water has entered the basement. We sincerely hope this situation has finally been cleared up.

A new covered entrance was constructed over the boiler room entrance which probably assisted in stopping the water seepage.

A small building has also been erected in the back yard to be used for storage purposes.

A new acoustical ceiling was installed in the home economics room during the Christmas vacation. Fluorescent lighting was put in at the same time. By special arrangement with the Suburban Propane Gas Corporation a modern new gas range and a modern new gas refrigerator have also been installed in this room.

Much interior painting was done, largely in corridors, toilet rooms, and basements. A new vacuum pump has been put in the boiler return system. Two new storage compartments have been built in what was the old coal bin, one for school use and one for cafeteria use. Occasional plumbing and electrical repairs have been necessary. Some work had to be done on floors in the old part of the building due to summer time dampness in the building, which caused expansion and warping of hardwood flooring.

The new heating plant has been in use a little over a year and has proven very satisfactory. It is now possible to heat the building at even temperatures at all times. In spite of constantly increasing costs of fuel, the consumption of fuel oil, No. 5, is proving to be less expensive than coal.

Fuel costs for the last few years are as follows:

1948	\$1779.97	coal
1949	\$1584.23	coal
1950	\$2083.34	coal to Oct. 19, then oil
1951	\$1186.96	all oil (Number 5)

The 1950 cost was larger than usual due in part to the fact that more expensive Number 2 fuel oil was used the first few weeks the burner was in use.

It is a pleasure to report that the entire school plant is in excellent repair and is constantly being improved.

In addition to regular routine repairs for 1952, the following should be considered:

- New shades in several classrooms
- Continuation of interior painting

Sanding and refinishing desks
Windows tightened and repaired in old part of building
Storm windows painted
Leaks in roof in one or two places
Playground improvement, especially the baseball
diamond

In conclusion I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your efforts in making the school year a most successful one. The assistance and cooperation of the Principal, Mr. Clough, the teachers, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents, and pupils is also deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools

GRADE		AGE AND GRADE CHART																October 1, 1951	
		AGE																Total	Totals
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Boys	Girls		
I	B	1	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...
	G	...	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	27	...
II	B	...	1	11	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...
	G	...	1	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	31	...
III	B	...	...	4	12	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...
	G	...	...	9	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	43	...
IV	B	...	...	...	6	18	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...
	G	...	...	...	4	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	45	...
V	B	...	...	...	...	3	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...
	G	...	...	...	...	4	13	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	29	...
VI	B	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	16	...	...	...
	G	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	24	...
VII	B	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	5	2	1	...	...	...	17	...	...	...
	G	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	27	...

VIII	B	....	....	....	....	....	2	4	5	1	....	....	....	12	....	....
	G	....	....	....	....	....	4	12	1	3	....	....	....	....	20	32
IX	B	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	4	1	1	....	....	8	....	....
	G	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	2	....	....	....	....	9	17
X	B	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	3	2	1	....	7	....	....
	G	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	10	2	....	....	....	16	23
XI	B	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	1	....	8	....	....
	G	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	4	....	....	....	8	16
XII	B	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	1	4	....	....
	G	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7	1	....	9	13
Totals	1	25	38	43	40	25	18	28	27	25	26	17	12	2	159	327
Boys	1	12	16	23	23	10	10	15	14	12	7	10	5	1	159
Girls	0	13	22	20	17	15	8	13	13	13	19	7	7	1	168

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe,
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon High and Center School.

Registration figures are high. During the early weeks of the 1951-52 school year, registrations were the highest in the history of the school. The considerable number of automobile trailer families living in Mendon during the fall months of 1951 accounts for the larger enrollment figures shown in the Grade-Age Distribution Table of October 1, 1951.

The construction of a new grade room in the building during the summer months has very satisfactorily relieved a condition of crowding in the grades which would have been a serious problem this year without the use of the additional room. Also, the addition of another teacher to the grade staff has made possible for the first time the assignment of single grades to all grade teachers.

The enrollment figures as of December 21, 1951 are as follows: Grade I-29, Grade II-31, Grade III 43, Grade IV-45, Grade V-28, Grade VI-23, Grade VII-25, Grade VIII-32, Grade IX-14, Grade X-22, Grade XI-16, Grade XII-13.

Nine students graduated from High School at graduation exercises held Wednesday, June 20, 1951 at the Mendon Unitarian Church. Members of the Class of 1951 are Ruth M. Bosma, Donald E. Coburn, Barbara M. Grant, Dianne E. Ham-

mond, Beverly L. Keefe, Helen Jean MacDonald, Bette Lou Mantoni, Fred R. Phipps, Jr., Lawrence M. Rogers.

Barbara M. Grant attained highest scholastic honors and Ruth M. Bosma second highest honors for the four high school years. Barbara M. Grant was the winner of the Mendon High School Alumni Medal and the Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. The Alumni Medal is presented by the Mendon High School Alumni Association to the Senior who has contributed most to the welfare of the school during his school attendance. The high school staff selects the winner. The Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate is presented yearly by the Daughters of the American Revolution to the girl in the graduating class who has best demonstrated qualities of good citizenship and leadership. The winner of this honor is selected by vote of the members of the Senior Class and members of the teaching staff.

The twenty-fourth annual prize speaking contest was held April 5, 1951 at the Mendon Town Hall. Twelve students presented selections. First prize was awarded to Shirley M. Steere, Second prize to Bruce A. Thomas, and third prize to Joanne Goodnow. The annual senior play was presented at the Town Hall on December 7, 1951. A cast of sixteen under the direction of Mrs. Doris O'Neill presented a three act comedy, *The Boarding House Reach*, to a large and appreciative audience. On March 9, 1951 a school minstrel show was presented at the Town Hall under the direction of Miss Christine Wilson, Supervisor of Music. The net proceeds of these entertainments are used almost exclusively to finance the Washington trip for the Seniors.

As a part of the observance of American Education Week, an open house evening was held November 14, 1951 at the school building. Teachers were in their rooms for conferences with parents from seven to nine P. M. Samples of all types of pupils' class papers were on display.

The school lunch program is in its fifth year of operation in Mendon. From the beginning of 1947, it has been a popular

feature of the school program and has been well patronized by a majority of the children who remain at the school building during the lunch period. Because of gradual increases in food costs along with the general rise in price level, it has been necessary to increase lunch prices this year. The charge for the full lunch consisting of a hot plate, milk, and dessert has been increased from twenty to twenty-three cents per day when purchased for the full week by the pupils. The price of the same lunch without the dessert has been raised from fifteen to eighteen cents per day for school pupils. These increases were unavoidable because of a deficit last year in the operation of the lunch program of slightly more than five hundred dollars. It is the aim of the program to provide the best possible lunch at the lowest possible cost. However, a sound financial standing must be maintained to pay the necessary bills. There are two paid workers who operate the lunch room with the help of parents and friends who donate their services one or more days a week. Without the help of the volunteer workers, who have been most generous and cooperative, the problem of balancing the budget of the school lunch program would be much more serious than it is now. Furthermore, in contrast to wage levels in other types of work which have been raised greatly during the past five years, the school lunch workers are receiving the same weekly wage as in 1947. It is a general policy in towns and cities, where school lunches operate, to subsidize the programs to some extent through an appropriation from the school budget. Although such an appropriation has not been necessary in previous years, it is apparent that there is need for one now.

Parents are urged to confer with the teachers and principal whenever they have questions about school matters. In conclusion, I wish to express sincere appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Percy L. Rowe, the School Committee, the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association, and the townspeople of Mendon.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH, Principal

SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

1951

Mr. Percy L. Rowe,
Superintendent of Schools:

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December 1951.

Mendon School was visited Tuesday of each week, when school was in session.

Registration was held at Mendon School on May 25th, with the nurse assisting.

A request was presented to the school committee by Mr. Rowe in January of 1951 in regard to the Patch Testing of all pupils in the school. The committee was pleased and enthusiastic about this health project. Nearly 300 in all were done by Dr. F. L. Berry, with the nurse assisting. All children who showed positive reactions were later X-rayed at the Mobile Unit Clinic at Milford on March 20th. At this time all Mendon School personnel and High School Seniors were included. Worcester County Sanatorium provided this service.

Mumps, chicken pox and grippe were prevalent this year. One case of meningitis of unknown origin was reported.

The State Department again loaned us the Massachusetts Vision Testing equipment and audiometer. All pupils present were examined. The nurse assisted Dr. Allain, who was appointed school physician to replace Dr. Berry. The pupils in Grades 1-3-5 have been examined. The remaining grades will be done the first of the year.

Triple and double antigen clinics were held in Mendon School, March 27th, April 24th and May 22nd. Drs. Berry and Allain, assisted by the nurses, conducted the clinics.

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to the school:

1. Inspection of pupils	768
2. Pupils inspected for disease	84
3. Pupils recommended for exclusion	13
4. Pupils and nurse conferences	244
5. Pupils treated for minor injuries	41
6. Nurse and teacher conferences	237
7. Home visits	39

All pupils were measured and weighed twice during the year. The following defects were found amongst the children examined by Dr. Allain:

Referred for dental evaluations	4
Post nasal drip	2
Enlarged tonsils	9
Swollen glands	2
Eczema	1
Posture	1
Wax in ears	7
Otitis media	1
Heart murmur	1

In closing, may we thank Dr. Allain, Mr. Rowe, the school committee, the principal and teachers of Mendon School for their courtesy and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE MORAN,

Supervisor of Nurses

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Report of Mendon Schools for 1951

The annual physical examinations done this fall showed the following defects:

Referred for dental evaluation	4
Post-nasal drip	2
Enlarged tonsils	9
Swollen glands	2
Posture	1
Eczema	1
Wax in the ear	7
Otitis media	1
Heart murmur	1

Grades I, III, and V were examined at this time, and these examinations were concluded December 11, 1951.

Grades VII, and IX are to be examined at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD ALLAIN, M.D.

School Physician

MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My dear Mr. Rowe,

The children in the primary grades have been made conscious of tone as high and low, rising and falling, long and short, quick and slow, loud and soft. Their ears have been trained to recognize these elements and eventually the eye will observe the way they are expressed in music notation. In this way skill in music reading is acquired.

The basic power in music reading depends primarily upon recognition and performance of rhythmic patterns, rather than of tonal patterns. For this reason it is essential that a definite rhythmic flow be maintained, even if a note or two—or three is incorrectly sung as to pitch. I like to tell the youngsters that when “trying out” for a position with a symphony orchestra, the test demands accuracy in rhythm, but will permit a tonal mistake. I find that scansion of the poetic text, according to note value, and the use of strokes with the forearm, a practice which was popular in the Elizabethan days of universal madrigal singing, are practical and successful devices for mastering the “bug-a-boo” of time keeping. It is an unbelievably difficult task to make children realize that rests and holds are just as important as notes, and must be sensed as part of the rhythmic flow. Clapping and stepping the various rhythms appeal to the young people, and are a great help in developing the swing and rhythmic details of the music.

I think it is important at all times that the pupils should be made conscious of beautiful tone quality and interpretation. We

can't repeat too often that the jaw must be loose and the throat open, in order to prevent a pinched or squeezed tone. The youngsters know that the vocal tone should be colored by the spirit of the song—its contrasting moods, stories or ideas.

With the little children the conservation of the voice is of first importance, rather than its development. Usually it is not until the fifth grade that dynamics, flexibility and other technical matters are brought out. This is the time when youngsters are ready to think about the way they use their voices. Having them sing a sustained note (by means of diaphragmatic costal-lateral breathing) with a root vowel in the core region of the voice, produces excellent tone quality. The hard part, of course, is getting them to carry that purity of tone into their song singing. However, I feel that on the whole, they're singing very well.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Mr. Rowe, and all connected with the Mendon school system, for their interest and fine co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE WILSON,

Supervisor of Music Education

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST
MENDON TOWN HALL APRIL 4, 1951

Tommy Stearns Scrubs Up	Seeman
Bruce A. Thomas	
Number Please	Hutchings
Jeanne C. Lamothe	
Wednesday	Kerr
Barbara A. Tadakowsky	
Amateur Hour	McMahon
Betty Ann Desmarais	
For Jim	Black
Joanne Goodnow	
Address Honoring Lincoln	Hoover
Wayne F. Wagner	
The Vision of Columbus	Folk Tune
Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus	
Dotty Takes A Hand	Dickerson
Beverly J. Rocks	
Cigarette's Ride	Rame
Iris B. Rogers	
The Black Cat	Poe
Frances B. York	
A Model Letter To A Friend	Tarkington
Claire M. Lamothe	
Daddy Doc	Kimball
Shirley M. Steere	
My First Date	Lain
Cecile M. Rondeau	
Shine, Glorious Sun	Grille
Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus	
Decision of Judges	

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

UNITARIAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1951

P R O G R A M

Processional—Pomp and CircumstanceElgar
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

Invocation

Rev. Truman L. Hayes

Salutatory and Essay—England

Ruth M. Bosma

Essay—Germany

H. Jean MacDonald

Essay—China

Fred R. Phipps, Jr.

Essay—India

Lawrence M. Rogers

Song—A Tribute to RombergRomberg
High School Chorus

Essay—France

Dianne E. Hammond

Essay—Italy

Bette Lou Mantoni

Essay—Russia

Beverly L. Keefe

Essay—Canada

Donald E. Coburn

Song—May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You Willson-Stickles
High School Chorus

Essay and Valedictory—Korea
Barbara M. Grant

Diploma and Award Presentation—
Mr. Richard D. Harding
Chairman of School Committee

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction
Rev. Truman L. Hayes

Recessional—Coronation March Meyerbeer
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1951

Helen Jean MacDonald
Ruth M. Bosma
Donald E. Coburn
Barbara M. Grant
Dianne E. Hammond
Beverly L. Keefe
Bette Lou Mantoni
Fred R. Phipps, Jr.
Lawrence M. Rogers

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of
 Worcester, - Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday, the third day of March A.D., 1952, punctually at 9 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, 1 and 2. Article 3 and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday, the seventh day of March at 7 P. M.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

- One Moderator for one year;
- One Town Clerk for one year;
- One Selectman for three years;
- One Assessor for three years;
- One Assessor for one year;
- One Town Treasurer for one year;
- One Constable for one year;
- One Tree Warden for one year;
- One Trustee of the Taft Public Library
for two years;
- One Member of the School Committee
for three years;
- One Tax Collector for three years;
- One Park Commissioner for three years;
- One Highway Surveyor for one year;

One Water Commissioner for three years;
all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person
voted for.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers
and Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the
ensuing year.

Article 5. To appropriate such sums of money as may be
necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning
January 1, 1952.

Article 6. To determine the compensation of the Tax Col-
lector for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the
Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow
money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the
financial year beginning January 1, 1952, not to exceed \$20,000
and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and
to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less
than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the
General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum
of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be
expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department
of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General
Laws as amended, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum
of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a
part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery fund, or
take any action in relation to the same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any
sum of money for the maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, said
money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be

allotted by the State and County for this purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for Chapter 90 New Construction provided the State and County will contribute for such work under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 12. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 2, 1953 or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from the Worcester County in 1951 to be used for general school expenses in 1952, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use such an amount of the free cash in the treasury as in their judgment should be used to reduce the tax levy of 1952, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from available funds to the Stabilization Fund; as defined in Chapter 124, Acts of 1945 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the erection of a new bridge over Muddy Brook on Bellingham Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for school playground improvements, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 662, Acts of 1949, relative to the organization of a Union Health Department, and to determine the advantages to be derived from Mendon joining with neighboring towns for a Union Health Department. This committee to report its findings and recommendations at the next annual Town Meeting, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of repairing a portion of the lower Town Hall for use by the Police Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

Polls will close at 6:00 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 21st day of February, A.D., 1952.

HAROLD METCALF,
JOHN L. LUNDVALL,
ERNEST P. WOOD,

Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:

HAROLD C. BARROWS,
Constable of Mendon

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 5.

	1951	1951	1952
	Appropriation	Transfers	Expenditures - Recommendation
Moderator's Salary	\$ 25 00	.....	\$ 25 00
Selectmen's Salaries	550 00	.....	550 00
Selectmen's Expense	150 00	.....	135 50
Treasurer's Salary	550 00	.....	550 00
Treasurer's Expense	170 00	.....	158 95
Town Accountant Salary	400 00	.....	400 00
Town Accountant Expense	50 00	.....	30 94
Town Clerk's Salary	200 00	.....	200 00
Town Clerk's Expense	500 00	.....	251 90
Tax Collector's Expense	200 00	.....	198 27
Assessor's Salaries	650 00	.....	650 00
Assessor's Expense	300 00	.....	284 69
Elections and Registrations	550 00	45 51	595 51
Town Counsel Salary	100 00	.....	100 00
Town Counsel Expense	75 00	170 75	245 75
Clerical Hire for Town Officers	300 00	.....	294 30
Town Officer's Bonds	190 00	.....	177 25
Town Hall Maintenance	800 00	.....	791 46

	1951	1951	1952
	Appropriation	Transfers	Expenditures-Recommendation
Record Room Maintenance	350 00	34 60	384 60 380 00
Heat and Lights—Town Buildings	2,000 00	.....	1,971 24 2,000 00
Constable's Salary	25 00	.....	25 00 25 00
Police Department	1,500 00	392 38	1,892 38 2,000 00
Fire Department	1,650 00	.....	1,643 59 1,685 00
Forest Fire Department	500 00	.....	500 00 500 00
Hydrant Rental	500 00	.....	500 00 550 00
Dog Officer	75 00	36 00	111 00 75 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50 00	.....	49 86 45 00
Board of Health	2,500 00	.....	1,686 95 1,700 00
Tree Warden	500 00	.....	500 00 500 00
Elm Beetle Suppression	500 00	.....	500 00 500 00
Moth Suppression	200 00	.....	200 00 200 00
Inspector of Animals	150 00	.....	150 00 150 00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25 00	.....	25 00 25 00
Worcester County Hospital	3,483 58	.....	3,483 58 3,843 88
General Repairs	1,500 00	.....	1,488 44 1,700 00
Snow Removal	6,000 00	884 77	6,884 77 6,000 00
Street Lighting	700 00	.....	684 00 684 00
Public Welfare Salaries	45 00	.....	45 00 45 00

Public Welfare, Temporary Aid	6,000 00	.....	5,996 86	6,000 00
Wire Inspector Salary	50 00	.....	50 00	50 00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,000 00	.....	2,197 07	2,000 00
Old Age Assistance	20,000 00	.....	16,211 07	16,000 00
Old Age Assistance Administration	500 00	.....	500 00	750 00
Veterans' Benefits	500 00	.....	231 45	500 00
School Department	57,964 79	430 21	58,389 19	58,352 30
Taft Public Library	625 00	.....	625 00	700 00
Vocational Education	1,500 00	.....	579 83	1,000 00
Administration of Veteran's Benefits	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00
Water Department Maintenance	500 00	125 76	625 76	600 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	30 00	.....	30 00	30 00
Park Department	200 00	.....	179 30	200 00
Memorial Day Celebration	175 00	51 61	226 61	200 00
Insurance on Town Buildings	1,815 00	.....	1,804 20	1,800 00
Town Reports	510 00	.....	450 00	660 00
Reserve Fund	2,000 00	.....	1,741 38	2,000 00
Maturing Debt	4,000 00	.....	4,000 00	4,000 00
Interest on Maturing Debt	923 75	.....	923 75	825 75
Interest on Temporary Loans	200 00	.....	125 00	200 00
Tax Title Foreclosure	50 00	.....	.....	50 00
Worcester County Retirement Expense Fund	640 20	.....	640 20	731 45

1952 RECOMMENDATIONS

Article	6.	\$ 952 00
"	8.	\$3,700 00
"	9.	\$3,000 00
"	10.	\$1,500 00
"	11.	\$2,000 00
"	14.	Approved
"	16.	Approved
"	17.	Approved
"	18.	No action

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